

THE NEWS FROM THE OLD VIRGINIA STATE AND ITS CAPITAL

OUR RALEIGH NEWS LETTER

Truck and Fruit Crops Greatly Damaged.

COTTON MILLS INDUSTRY

Peach Trees Affected by San Jose Scale—Convicts on the State Farm—The Colleeemee Cotton Mills—Military Notes—The Pure Food Law—A Sensational Murder—North Carolina's Sponsors—Notes.

Raleigh, N. C., April 8.—Reports to the Weather Bureau here, for the weekly crop bulletin, show that great havoc was caused in the trucking section of the State by the recent frosts and the snow storm. Much of the early produce was entirely destroyed and all of it received a severe setback. Conservative estimates place the damage to the strawberry crop along the Wilmington and Weldon railroad at 25 per cent. of the whole crop. Although many farmers covered their crops and sustained practically no loss, others failed to cover and suffered heavily. The crop was looking extra fine before the freeze. The statement is made that the San Jose scale has so affected the peach trees in the immense orchard of Van Lindley, near Southern Pines, that the trees are to be burned. The tree rows there are each one and one-half mile in length. Mr. Van Lindley is one of the most progressive men in the State. The statement that all the trees are infected is perhaps wrong.

CONVICTS ON THE FARMS. Seventeen convicts were yesterday sent from the penitentiary here to the State farms. Eight of them go to the Roanoke farm and nine to Castle Hayne. All the convicts are now being utilized in preparing the crops to be planted on the farms. There are now about 825 convicts on the farms. In the penitentiary there are about 100 State convicts and some 200 Federal prisoners. The last named cannot be sent away from the central prison.

THE PURE FOOD LAW.

Secretary of State Thompson yesterday secured a quack fish in the State of New York. It is Curdie, the Blue Label Ketchup man, at Rochester. In addition to ketchup Curdie deals in preserves, sauces and fruit delicacies. Hence he wanted a copy of the pure food bill passed by the Legislature and wrote to the Secretary of State for it. That official replied that on the receipt of the fee (\$2.00) allowed by law he would be glad to furnish the desired copy. To this Curdie replied, "getting with surprise that you make a charge for posting people as to laws that are in effect in your State, and under which I must be liable to operate. This is, to say the least, a peculiar position to take. We sell comparative few goods in your State, and probably few goods to force of this law—that is as to making a charge for telling people how to read—would be the result of our doing less with you and of other concerns also. We will take our chances, we think, rather than to pay the amount asked for."

To this Dr. Thompson replied that it was the law in North Carolina for the Secretary of State, in making copies of acts for private use, to charge and collect certain fees and pay the same to the Treasurer of the State. "I have had many applications similar to yours and you are the only firm that has been surprised at a public office charging fees for copy of acts for private use."

As to Curdie's threat to take chances on disregarding the law, the State chemist will be apprised of that and a watch will be kept on his goods sold in this State.

THE COOLEEMEE COTTON MILLS.

A company that is said to control unlimited capital will soon begin the erection of one of the largest cotton mills in the State at a point on the south fork of the Yadkin river, about four miles this side of Mocksville. The plans and specifications were shown yesterday to several prominent citizens who are likely to put money in the new enterprise.

MILITARY NOTES.

No elections of officers of the new Governor's Guard here will be recognized from companies desiring general until the return of the Raleigh company, now in the First North Carolina Regiment. Then the two companies will be combined into one and officers will be elected and commissioned.

There are a great many applications from companies desiring to join the State Guard, Adjutant General Coyle says. But no other will be admitted until after the return of the First North Carolina Regiment. Places are being kept in the Guard for them.

A SENSATIONAL MURDER.

A sensational murder is reported in Richmond county. In the doorway of a church was found the body of a negro man, stabbed and clubbed to death in a swamp near by and then taken to the church. A negro woman was suspected.

Fayetteville voted favorably on a proposition to issue \$15,000 for an electric light and motive power plant and \$6,000 to put in a system of sewerage.

Her house was searched. She was found with blood-covered clothing hidden under a bed. A negro man has also been captured. Evidence is very direct that they did the dreadful work. The woman will not say a word.

BREVITIES.

Most of the evidence in the contested election case of Dockery against Bellamy, from the Sixth Congressional District, has been taken. Dockery makes but a poor showing so far.

The corporation commission has received from the Wilmington Tariff Association a petition asking that the commission remove the existing discrimination in class rates to North Carolina points, which is now in favor of Norfolk and other Virginia points.

The excitement regarding the great discovery of copper ore near Salisbury increases. It is now asserted that the ore bed is seventy-five feet in thickness; that the copper is nearly pure; and that Newman, the New Yorker, who is the owner, has been offered more than a million dollars for some shares in the mine.

Miss Della Holt, of Burlington, has been selected as sponsor and Miss Adelaide Snow, of Raleigh, maid of honor, to represent the North Carolina Division United Confederate Veterans at the reunion in Charleston next May.

Miss Holt is a daughter of Mr. J. H. Holt, of Burlington, and Miss Snow is the daughter of the late George Snow, of this city.

Appeal bond in the public printing case, brought by Barnes Bros., and decided last week by Judge Brown, was filed yesterday. The Supreme Court will be asked to advance the case to the docket and hear it at this term. If this request is granted the case will be argued within the next ten days or two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Perry, of Princeton, have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Miss Mary Ostella Perry, to Mr. John Franklin Newson, of Wilmington. The wedding will take place Wednesday morning, April 19, at 11 o'clock in the Methodist Church at Princeton, and the couple will be at home in Wilmington after May 1.

It is learned that J. C. Michie, superintendent of the Durham Water Company, has entered the bed of Eno river, for a distance of fourteen miles, as vacant and unclaimed land. The land owners along the river have entered a protest. The matter will be heard in the Superior Court of that county probably at the next civil term.

When Travelling.

Whether on pleasure bent or business, take on every trip a bottle of Syrup of Sarsaparilla. It acts most pleasantly and effectively on the kidneys, liver and bowels, preventing fevers, headaches, and other forms of sickness. For sale in 50 cent bottles by all leading druggists. Manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only.

WINSTON.

THE R. J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO CO. NOT ABSORBED.

Winston, N. C., April 8.—Mr. R. J. Reynolds returned from New York today. He says there is no truth in the report published in the New York papers that the Continental Tobacco Company has absorbed the R. J. Reynolds Company, of this city. The officers of the latter company, since reorganization, are: President, R. J. Reynolds; Vice-Presidents, B. N. Duke, of Durham, and W. N. Reynolds, of Winston; Secretary and Treasurer, G. R. Lybrook, nephew of the president; Directors—J. B. Duke and J. B. Cobb, of New York; George W. Watts, of Durham; R. J. W. N. and W. R. Reynolds, of Winston.

The head office will be in Winston, and the management of the business will be in the hands of the directors here.

Buying and selling tobacco will be continued as heretofore, except on a much larger scale. An additional factory will be built as soon as plans can be prepared.

EDENTON.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Edenton, N. C., April 8.—Court adjourned here this afternoon, and will convene at Gatesville, Gates county, Monday morning, with Judge Bowman on the bench.

Mr. Theodore Rath presented yesterday from Behaven, where he is superintending the erection of a residence for J. A. Wilkerson.

Mrs. Claude Harrell and child, and Mrs. Edward Harrell, of Norfolk, have been the guests of Mrs. W. H. Colfield for several days this week.

Mr. P. O. Petway, of Enfield, is here on a visit to friends.

Mr. I. M. McKinnis, of Elizabeth City, is at the Bay View.

Several gentlemen connected with the Commission, of Washington, D. C., are in our little city. Mr. Warren Elliott, president of the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad Company. The ceremony is to be performed in St. John's Church, Fayetteville, on Wednesday afternoon, April the nineteenth.

STATE NEWS NOTES.

Three octogenarians died in Wilkes county last week.

On April 1st all the employees of the Southern shops at Spencer were put on full working time—10 hours a day.

Gen. M. W. Ransom has sold the pine timber on some of his farms to the Cummer Company, of Norfolk, Va., for forty thousand dollars cash.

The Silver Hill Gold mine, ten miles from Lexington, is now being developed by the owners—an English company. The ore of the Silver Hill mine is of a very good quality. It turns out \$90 per ton.

A big addition to the Virginia Cotton Mills at Swepsonville will be commenced soon. It will, we understand, be about 100 feet long, 75 feet wide and two stories. Mr. John A. Trolinger, of Haw River, has the contract.

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ELIZABETH CITY.

The Social Function of the Season.

A Delightful Easter Dance and the Participants—Printing Plant Sold—Missionary Meeting—Personal Mention.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Elizabeth City, N. C., April 8.—The Easter dance given at the Academy of Music on Thursday evening by the Elizabeth City German Club was a brilliant and enjoyable affair, and is pronounced by all the social event of the season. The German was very gracefully led by Mr. W. E. Wood, with Miss Helen Martin, assisted by Mr. C. W. Malick. Dancing began promptly at 9:30 o'clock, and was kept up until the wee sma' hours. The music was furnished by the Elizabeth City orchestra. The couples participating were Mr. W. E. Wood with Miss Helen Martin, in high blue silk and chiffon; Mr. C. W. Melick with Miss Margaret Holloway, in red organdie over red satin, trimmed with black lace; Mr. G. R. Little with Miss Eva Pallen, in black mouseline de soie over black silk; Mr. W. T. Old with Miss Mae Wood in pink tulle and chiffon; Mr. C. Burgess with Miss Kate Engle in pink organdie and point lace; Mr. H. Peering with Miss Bessie Ferber, of Camden, N. C., in white organdie over blue satin; Mr. A. Dean with Miss Cathie Greenleaf, in black lace over cerise silk, white carnations; Mr. C. R. Merrill with Miss Fannie Dawson, in figured organdie over red satin; Mr. G. Peering with Miss Lou Crailing, in white organdie over pink tulle; Mr. B. Saunders with Miss Nannie Burgess, in light blue organdie and real lace; Dr. E. F. Martin with Miss Parnell, of Norfolk, in light figured organdie with black lace; Mr. N. Foreman with Miss Charlie White, in white organdie and blue satin.

The stags were Messrs. C. W. Halliwell, A. Vaughan, G. B. Pendleton, C. H. Wood, J. Hathaway and M. Peering. The chaperones were Mrs. J. E. Wood, Mrs. J. F. Engle and Miss S. E. Martin.

PRINTING PLANT SOLD.

Mr. Frank Dexter has bought the job printing plant of Mr. J. L. A. Wood, and is now running a job office on the second floor of the Robinson building, on Polk street.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE.

The ladies of the Baptist Church will hold a missionary meeting in the lecture room next Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock and are anxious to have a full attendance.

Mr. J. H. Sheehy left for Norfolk today on business. He expects to visit his father and sister at Broad Creek before he returns.

Mrs. Henry Whitehurst, of Upper Camden county, is visiting her brother, Mr. M. N. Sawyer, on the corner of Road and Cypress streets.

Miss Bettie Toxey, of Shiloh, is visiting her brother, Mr. A. F. Toxey, on Matthews street.

A colored man named John H. Sprull was taken before Mayor Whitcomb this morning charged with stealing cabbages from Captain R. F. Spence. The evidence against him being positive, he was unable to give bond and was taken to jail.

All in sight of monument. "Newest Discovery" extracts teeth painlessly. N. Y. Dental Rooms, Eames only, 324 Main street, corner Talbot.

STATE WHITE UP.

COL. JULIAN S. CARR WILL FOOT THE BILL.

Birmingham, Ala., April 7.—Colonel Julian S. Carr, of Durham, came aboard our car here today and arranged on his own account for publication in the special Southern editions of the newspapers composing the New England Newspaper League one full page showing the advantages and resources of North Carolina for the profitable investment of capital. He also arranged for adequate representation of Durham in this edition. At his request our party will return to North Carolina within fifteen or twenty days, and finish the work commenced in that State two weeks ago. On our return it is my purpose to visit five or six important points, to the end that the resources of North Carolina may be comprehensively set forth in the Southern editions which are now under preparation. Colonel Carr has agreed to accompany the party on its tour through the State.

C. F. KING.

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THEY WANT TO TELL

These Grateful Women Who Have Been Helped by Mrs. Pinkham.

Women who have suffered severely and been relieved of their ills by Mrs. Pinkham's advice and medicine are constantly urging publication of their statements for the benefit of other women. Here are two such letters:

Mrs. LIZZIE BEVERLY, 258 Merrimac St., Lowell, Mass., writes:

"It affords me great pleasure to tell all suffering women of the benefit I have received from taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I can hardly find words to express my gratitude for what she has done for me. My trouble was ulceration of the womb. I was under the doctor's care. Upon examination he found fifteen very large ulcers, but he failed to do me good. I took several bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and also used the Sanative Wash, and am cured. Mrs. Pinkham's medicine saved my life, and I would recommend it to all suffering women."

Mrs. ANNA THOMBLEY, Ellenville, N. Y., writes:

"I took cold at the time my baby was born, causing me to have milk legs, and was sick in bed for eight weeks. Doctors did me no good. I surely thought I would die. I was also troubled with falling of the womb. I could not eat, had faint spells as often as ten times a day. One day a lady came to see me and told me of the benefit she had derived from taking Lydia E. Pinkham's medicine, and advised me to try it. I did so, and had taken only half a bottle before I was able to sit in a chair. After taking three bottles I could do my own work. I am now in perfect health."

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